

Greetings, Members of House Committee on Appropriations,

I am writing in support of our colleagues at Prevent Child Abuse Vermont's request for an increase in their grant funding. I understand that an increase is supported by the House Committee on Human Services; I encourage you to support their full request in the amount of \$693,180, which will enable PCAVT to provide vital child abuse prevention services across the state.

Specifically, this funding will allow PCAVT provide much needed education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep, which is related to a number of child deaths in our state. Additionally, PCAVT will be able to expand their programming and support services regarding child abuse often related to parental substance misuse. Both of these are critical issues, and PCAVT has not been able to fully address the need due to lack of funding.

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont is a key collaborative partner in our work, and we at KidSafe Collaborative value all they do to prevent and address child maltreatment across the state. I encourage you to fully support their funding request.

Sincerely,

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